

I am not an attorney. I am merely a concerned citizen. I read about the ownership rules being challenged and I feel it is very important to keep them as they are. I believe that over time it is inevitable that our news and information will become slanted to the corporate point of view. I believe that it will become far too easy to silence dissenters by removing their voice. I believe that control of media is a valuable tool for despotic rulers and I want no possible way for that door to be opened. Michael Powell mentioned on his address to Columbia University that factual, not anecdotal evidence is required. History will give that evidence. Other nations will give that evidence. Monopolies are a bad thing and they are downright dangerous when it is the source of our information.

Michael Powell also said "The broadcast ownership rules are fundamentally different. Every two years, the Commission is required by law to review these limits on ownership. And the statute requires the FCC to presume each rule is no longer needed unless we prove otherwise. Unless we can re-justify each broadcast ownership rule under current market conditions, the rule goes away. "

Where did this rule come from and when? Who's influence put it there? Why are ownership rules the only ones that require a strict review every two years? Why is the 2 year rule allowed to stay on the books? Someone is pushing very hard to remove all limitations and that is a huge indicator that bad days are coming for the citizens of this country.

I thank Michael Copps for bringing this to the media so that this will be done in the light of day, with public participation. I can only hope that the outrage is so great that the 2 year rule is what will be removed.